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Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Ben Ray Luján voted to encourage job creation and energy savings through the Home Star Jobs Bill. The bill provides rebates to homeowners who renovate their homes to increase energy efficiency. The legislation passed the House by a vote of 246 to 161.

“At this difficult economic time, the legislation could provide an important economic boost and help families save money,” said Rep. Luján. “By providing families an incentive to make their homes more energy efficient, we can encourage hiring in construction and manufacturing and improve energy savings for families.”

The legislation includes two rebate programs that will help homeowners improve energy efficiency. The Silver Star program provides a rebate of up to \$3,000 to install insulation, duct sealing, energy efficient windows and doors, air sealing, and other improvements that will encourage energy saving. The Gold Star program encourages families to conduct energy audits of their homes and reduce their energy use. Families could receive up to \$8,000 for making their homes more energy efficient.

Several prominent organizations have supported and endorsed the legislation including the National Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the National Association of Home Builders.